

Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2004
Durham Town Hall – Council Chambers

Attending: Committee members: Ken Andersen, Denny Byrne, Jane Crooks, Jerry Needell, John Parry, and Melanie Rose as well as Director of Public Works Mike Lynch and two Durham citizens.

I. Public Comments.

Colored drawings of the proposed Woodridge playground, prepared by the equipment vendor Miracle, were brought to the meeting by Mike Lynch. [Note: The subcommittee of Denny Byrne, Jane Crooks, John Parry and Mike Lynch met after our last meeting (4/15/04) and selected Miracle to be the vendor for the proposed playground.] Favorable comments regarding the playground were received from Cristina Dolcino of 9 Fogg Drive.

II. The Minutes of April 15, 2004 were approved.

III. Discussion Items

The Woodridge playground reconstruction was discussed. Colors for the various components of the equipment were chosen. A motion was made by John Parry and seconded by Denny Byrne to accept the design of the playground as presented by Miracle and to accept the colors just selected. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Lynch will forward our selections of color to Miracle. He will also negotiate with Miracle and present a contract, based on these negotiations, to the Town Council for their consideration and for their approval of the funds necessary for the construction of the facility. It is planned to present this contract to the Council at their June 21st meeting .

A joint meeting between the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission will be held on Thursday, June 10 in the Council chambers to discuss areas of common interest. A few possible topics include trail and park policy, the Adopt A Trail program, and wetlands and playing fields construction.

A brief discussion of trail policy and the Adopt a trail program was held. Since many of the recreational trails are on UNH property, policy regarding their use is up to the University.

IV. New Business

Our next meeting will be held on June 24 instead of June 17 as originally scheduled. This change is made so that the playground construction can be considered after the Town Council meeting of June 21.

An alternate member to the Committee is needed. Also, it would be very helpful to have second alternate member. Jen Berry will be contacted about this.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth K. Andersen, chair